

AL-VI-B-163  
Woodland M.E. Church  
Woodland  
Legislative Road

1898

The town of Woodland was established in 1897. A plat of the second addition to the town drawn in 1898 identifies lot #25 as the "M.E. Church lot." Methodism in the nineteenth century was popular among English miners.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Woodland M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Legislative Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Woodland — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**X STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

AC-7-B-53

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The rectangular one story church is frame with german siding covered with asphalt shingles. It rests on a low replaced foundation of cinderblocks. with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has snowboards. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, sloped soffit, and frieze. An original outside end brick chimney with a beveled base and corbeled cap is outside end on the eastern flank.

The main entrance is located on a gable vestibule in the center of the southern facade. Double doors are of five panels each with original hardware. Tall segmental windows in rectangular frames are two over two light sashes with wooden slipsills.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The cornerstone of the Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church is dated July 17, 1898. The town of Woodland was established by the Consolidation Coal Company in 1897 to provide housing for miners working the company's nearby Ocean No. 7 mine. (1) A plat of the second addition to the town drawn in 1898 identifies lot #25 as the "M.E. Church lot." (2) During the nineteenth century Methodism had become popular among English miners and "Maryland mining towns supported many Methodist and Methodist Episcopal churches." (3)

The church replaced an earlier log church building located several hundred yards to the southeast of the present building. This earlier church known as the "Woodland and Station M.E. Church was built in 1832, shortly after Thomas Wright conveyed a portion of Military Lot No. 3711 to trustees "for the purpose of building thereon a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church." (4) In his History of Western Maryland, Scharf states that a Methodist Episcopalian congregation from Frostburg "worshipped in Neff's meeting-house, a log building, which was situated about two miles from Frostburg...prior to 1834." (5) It is highly probable that this log church is still standing and is now known as "Winebrenners Log Tavern." (6) In 1892 this original church property was conveyed by trustees to the Consolidation Coal Company. (7)

The church building is a simply designed frame meeting house with german siding covered with asbestos shingles. The gable front structure is three bays deep. A relatively large outside end brick chimney has a beveled base and a corbeled cap. Although the original stone foundation was replaced with cinderblocks the cornerstone remains in place. A small gabled vestibule is probably an addition.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Scharf. John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. 1882

Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100'x 150'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church  
Footnotes

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 79
- (2) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 89, Folio 660
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, p. 116
- (4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber Q, Folio 126
- (5) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts CO.) p. 1479
- (6) See AL-VI-D-033
- (7) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 71, Folio 597

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Woodland M E Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Woodland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Methodist Episcopal Ch.

ADDRESS: map 35 p. 228 block 25 ED 18

10 Owens Rt 1 Frostburg Md

STORIES: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: german siding Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
(✓) OTHER: Coverings asbestos shingles

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone concrete blocks was stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(✓) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )  
3 segment stained glass w/ sq. frame sl. psills

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center S. facade 2 sl. panel doors  
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards original hardware

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(✓) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable(✓) verruilante

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled(✓) original(✓) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(✓) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE:  
SIGNIFICANCE:  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: July 17 1898  
CONDITION:

424 | 273

422 | 244

STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY  
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Woodland M. E. Church  
Legislative Rd., Woodland

David A. Dorsey

Southeast

4/9/80



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Woodland ME Church

Legislative Rd., Woodland

David A. Dorsey

10/11/78

Northwest